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Samiere Williams Pleads Guilty to Murder in the 2nd Degree

Rochester, NY- On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 19-year-old Samiere Williams pled guilty to the indictment, including Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree for the July 7, 2020 homicide of Jonathan Disdier in the City of Rochester. Samiere Williams will serve 20 years to Life in the New York State Department of Corrections.

On July 7, 2020, Samiere Williams used an illegal handgun to shoot at Jonathan Disdier, striking the victim once and killing him on Coleman Terrace. Rochester Police Officers were called to the scene, where they found Jonathan Disdier. The Rochester Police Department conducted a thorough investigation and quickly identified Samiere Williams, who was 17 at the time of the murder, as the shooter. Because of Williams' age, this matter was handled in front of Judge Romeo in Youth Part Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

“At only 17-years-old, Samiere Williams made an active choice to kill Jonathan Disdier nearly two years ago on Coleman Terrace,” said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman. “I want to thank the Rochester Police Department’s Major Crime Unit for their thorough investigation that led to Samiere Williams’ apprehension. It is good that he is taking responsibility for his actions and hopefully he will recognize the tragedy he has caused.”

“Samiere Williams violently took a life from our community, risked the lives of others by firing a weapon, and ruined his own young life in the process,” said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. “With several pending homicides in Youth Part, it is important for the Monroe County District Attorney’s Office to show this community that age does not make a defendant immune from consequences. This was a completely unnecessary death and now Williams must take responsibility for his actions.”

Samiere Williams is scheduled for sentencing on July 19, 2022, in front of Family Court Judge Romeo.

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